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SUBJ: SOCIALISTS REJOIN GOVERNMENT

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1. SOCIALISTS RETURN TO GOVERNMENT: FOLLOWING A SPECIAL MEETING WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (RC) ON MAY 30, THE SOCIALISTS (PS) ANNOUNCED THE END OF THEIR BOYCOTT ON PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNMENT. SOARES SAID AFTER THE MEETING THAT THERE WAS "GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE RC." THE RC ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE HAD BEEN "DISTORTIONS" IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS AND THEY WOULD INVESTIGATE AND CORRECT THEM (REFTEL). THE RC COMMUNIQUE ALSO SAID THAT DEMOCRATIC ACTIVITY MUST BE STRENGTHENED TO INSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF REVOLUTIONARY LAWS AND THAT THE RC WOULD SAFEGUARD THE NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY.

2. COMMENT: SOCIALIST RETURN TO THE GOVERNMENT MARKS A TEMPORARY
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RESOLUTION OF THE CURRENT CRISIS. A COMPROMISE ON BOTH SIDES HAS

BEEN FOUND, BUT SOCIALISTS ARE ON SHORT END. PS STAND ON
REPUBLICA CASE HAS GIVEN THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT A CHASTENING
PREVIEW OF EUROPEAN REACTION TO A MOVE AGAINST THE SOCIALISTS
OR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTIES. NEVERTHELESS, THE REPUBLICA CASE IS
STILL NOT RESOLVED; THE SOCIALISTS ARE NOT FULLY CONFIDENT THAT
THE ELECTION PROVISIONS OF THE LABOR LAW WILL BE FULFILLED; AND
THE QUESTION OF LOCAL ELECTIONS WILL APPARENTLY HAVE TO WAIT
UNTIL AT LEAST AFTER THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY HAS FINISHED ITS
WORK.

3. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTIES PROFESS TO HAVE HIGH HOPES THAT THE
CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WILL PROVIDE THEM WITH A FORUM AND WITH
THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE OVER THE
CONSTITUTION, EVEN THOUGH THE AFM HAS ALREADY SET THE BROAD
BOUNDRIES. THE RC STATEMENT ON THE ASSEMBLY IS WELCOME IN VIEW
OF THE MODERATE PARTIES' FEARS THAT THE ASSEMBLY WOULD BE
CANCELLED, POSTPONED, OR SUBJECT TO DISRUPTIONS BY THE PCP AND
ITS ALLIES.
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